

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at lines 1-11 of page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

In the present invention a service accounting system is connected to a main accounting system. The service accounting system comprises one or more service accounts, which can be used for differentiated services, optionally comprising a classification. The main accounting system comprises a main account, which can be a postpaid or prepaid account. Through use of A ~~by~~ the classification, a predetermined part of the main account can be transferred to the service account. The classification can be such that any part of the main account can be transferred. In this case the transferable part can be set manually for example.

Please replace the paragraph at line 24 of page 6 through line 5 of page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

As an example the situation as described above will be worked out in more detail. Assume there is a user in a prepaid ~~a~~ mobile communications system suitable for speech (GSM) and data (GPRS). This user has to pay separately for voice communications via GSM, data transportation via GPRS, access to a mobile internet portal such as an i-mode portal and access to paid content services such as a paid website for weather information. In this example the main account (2) is a prepaid account. Prior to using the telecommunications system the user upgraded the balance on the prepaid account (2). Three classes of services (5) are

defined: one for GPRS data transportation, one for access to the i-mode portal and one for access to paid content services. Each of the services (4) belonging to the classes (5) will be paid for from the corresponding service account (4). Voice communications via GSM will be paid for directly from the main prepaid account (2).

Please replace the paragraph at line 8 of page 7 through line 10 of page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

To be able to use the classified services the user has to transfer part of the main prepaid account (2) to the service accounts (4). This can be done manually or automatically. It is likely that for the i-mode portal a fixed price per month has to be paid. For such a service money could be transferred from the prepaid account (2) to the i-mode portal service account (4) automatically on the first day of the month by transmitting a recharging request to the main accounting system (1). As an extra service to the user a notification of recharging can be sent via SMS or email. The amount of money requested can be determined by the classification (5) of the service account (4). It could be possible that the user wishes to pay for more than one month in advance, in which case manually recharging should be possible as well. For some content services the user might wish not to use them anymore. Therefore for these ~~as~~ content ~~services~~ classified services manual transference of money from the prepaid account (2) to the service account (4) is desirable. Data transportation is often charged for in kilobytes directly. This means that the user pays an amount of money for a certain amount of kilobytes.

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These kilobytes will be added to the corresponding service account (4), so in effect money is transferred from the main prepaid account (2) to the service accounting system (3), a number of kilobytes is calculated from the transferred amount of money and a number of kilobytes is stored in the service account (4). The user can control the amount of data that can be sent and received, thus limiting the usage of mobile data communications, by manually adding the desired amount of kilobytes to the service account. It can be desirable to be able to use the data communications medium at all time. In this case a predefined minimum level of kilobytes in the service account (4) could trigger a recharging request to the main prepaid account (2), ensuring enough balance in the service account (4).